Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia. La France roses, carnations and palms being instertuily used in the decoration of the rooms. The common and palms carried out through the entire evening. Pretty little booklets, containing fifteen or commondrams, "What is found on a penny," and new pennies were distributed to the guests. The prize, Whitcomb Riley's "Old Sweetheart of Mine," which was offered for the correct solution of the greatest number of these commondrams, was won by Miss Inca Weisiger. The booby, a child's primer, was won by Miss Inca Weisiger. The booby, a child's primer, was wore by Miss Lucy Jordan. At the table the guests were provided with menu cards containing twenty conundrams, each representing as a Martin Candidate.

BODY FOUND ON BEACH

The Remains of an Unknown White Man at Cape Henry.

REV. BLACKWELL ACCEPTS

Illness of Dr. Barr at Norfolk-Col. J R. Waddy is Not Expected to Live. George M. Heppel Appointed to Succed Price.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SORFOLK, VA., February 16.—The body of a man was found on the beach by a patrolman from the Cape Henry Life-Saving Station about noon to-day The remains had evidently been in the head and face had entirely disappeared. The body was that of a man vest and trousers of dark mixed The shirt was of blue flannel

serge vest end trousers of dark mixed soloth. The shirt was of blue flannel and under ciothing was colored. Patent leather shoes complete the apparel. Nothing was found in the man's pockets that would lead to identification except a hoateswain's whistle.

Nicholas Albano's cleaning establishment, in Brambleton Avenue, was burned in Brambleton Avenue, was burned this morning. The one-story frame building, in which Albano conducted business being completely gutted. The loss will be about \$1,600. The explosion of an oll stove is said to have caused the fire. The fire department did good work in Saving property adjoining Albano's place. Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, of the First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C., has telegraphed his acceptance to the First Church here. It is not known when he will move to Norfolk.

Rev. William A. Barr, recto of St. Luke's P. B. Church, is ill with pneumonia. Dr. Barr was attacked on Wednesday last, since which time he has been confined to his bed. Though his condition is such as to give his family and friends concern, it is not regarded as dangerous.

A HEART-BROKEN MOTHER.

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Chief of Police Veilines received to-day from Mrs. Rose Ellen Lannan, of Lake Takapuna, Auchland, New Zealand, a letter asking him to locate if possible her sixteen-year-old son, Francis George Lannan, who was discharged from the United States navy here on July 12, 1902. The boy, it seems, came to New York on a visit and while there enlisted in the navy. His mother succeeded, through counsel, in having the boy discharged upon the ground that he was unfe; age, and sent to New York money for his passage home to New Zealand. The boy upon leaving the navy secured board at No. 253 Church Street, Norfolk, and it was in this city that he was last heard from. The mother says the boy was very anxious to return home and she fears, from the fact that he aver applied at New York for his passage ficency to New Zealand, that something has happened to him. She is heartbroken and in her, distress wrote Chief Veilines asking him what he could 20 for her, all other letters having failed to the lare how. ner, all other letters having failed

Chief Veillines asking him what he could it for her, all other letters having failed to find her boy.

The body of a white infant boy was found at the foot of Arlington Place in Mahone's Lake by Officer Ruddick yeaterlay afternoon. The body showed no signs of violence or of decay. Death, the coroner says, he believes to be natural and recent. The boy could not have teen in the water but a few hours gird there is no indication of death from frowning. The body was carefully wrapped in a clean white cloth and paper. Dr. Odenhal reserved his opinion as to the cause of death and as to his action, suffect to the investigation of the police, which has already begun.

PRIC OF OIL.

Light has broken through the shadow of high prices in kerosene oil. The relative construction of the construction was reduced to ten cents a gallon to-day. Heretofore it was soid at twelve cents, and last week it was sleven cents. This, in connection with the reduced price of coal, will make the herefully less than they were two weeks.

George M. Heppel of the detective dd, was sworn in this afternoon by or J. G. Riddick, as the appointee he police commissioners in the place of the police commissioners in the place of Sergeant Prince, resigned by request, or in other words dismissed from the force, Heppel is an old and efficient offi-cer, and was displaced by these same commissioners to provide a place for Prince six months ago, when this new

cer, and was displaced by these same commissioners to provide a place for Prince six months ago, when this new administration effected its clean sweep.

A WOMAN BANKRUPT.

Mrs. Martha A. Tull, of Clinton. Northampton county, filed a petition in bankruptoy as a merchant in the United States District Court this morning. Her assets are stated at \$100 and debts as \$3.55.47. The debts are principally in Baltimore, with others, as follows: Norfolk, Anheuser Brewing Company, \$50; J. W. Granby, \$48; Perry-Taylor Drug Company, \$23.50; Todd & Scheagel, \$20.30; Portsmouth. Bohanan. Blick & "ompany, \$23.25; Eastville Building Company, \$24. Eastville Building Company, \$25. Eastville Building Company, \$25. E. Dickerson, the editor of the News and Advertiser, the negro newspaper, appeared in the Police Court this morning as the star case. The arrest was made on a warrant issued to William H. Thorogood, the night watchman of the custom house, and charged criminal libel in the publication of a statement, which Thorogood declares to be a reflection on his character. The case came up before Judge Taylor on a warrant which he roturned as defective with leave to issue a new warrant returnable to-morrow. The warrant gave the name of the newspaper wrong and was defective in other particulars. It seems that the Item in the paper and the arrest for criminal libel are both the results of the differences of the political leader and the political writer on the issue started by Wise and Hayees, who have brought suit to upset the Virginia Constitution. The case will appear again to-morrow.

The recommendation of the chief constructor of the navy tayle to the success.

structor of the navy, it is learned, is that the new training ships of the navy he built at the navy yards of the government instead of by private contractors. The school vessels have to be built with epecial reference to the training of the apprentices and cadets in general seamanship as well as gunnery, and it is deemed best to build them at the government yards.

CONUNDRUM PARTY

Unique and Enjoyable Entertainment at

Ashland,
(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
ASHLAND, VA., February 16.—One of the most unique entertainments of the

with menu cards containing twenty conundrums, each representing an article of food. Much merriment was had in the dining-room, as each guest was served only in answer to the conundrums solved, some ordering water, pepper and

Mrs. Midyette and Mrs. Swindell, of Mrs. Midyette and Mrs. Swindell, of Richmond, were assisted in the diningroom by Misses Marie Milnes and Carolyne Midyette.

The invited guests were: Misses Inez Weisiger, Carrie Vandiver, Tuncy Wee Wright, Rosalie Milnes, Mary Johns, of North Carolina; Margaret Hunter, Pauline Edwards, Augusta Nixon, Lucy Jordan, Annie Blincoe, Annie Hunter, Bessie Blincoe, Epple Blackwell, Molile Bridges, Ethel Howard, May Jordan, Louise Childs, Virginia Evans, Midred Evans. Messrs, J. R. McNeal, L. F. Tisinger, R. Graveley, G. F. Baughan, O. R. Bowen, A. S. Biggs, R. B. Davis, R. W. Vaughan, R. Beale Davis, R. F. Hun-Vaughan, R. Beale Davis, R. F. Hun-ter, H. K. Morton, F. O. Smith, R. I. Hunter, C. H. McCullen, J. S. Moore, J. M. Leake, R. I. Beale, S. L. Rice, W.

AT CHESTER

The Ladies Have Been Busy Renovating the Methodist Church.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTER, VA., Feb. 16.—The ladie: of the Methodist Church here have been very busy for some days renovating church at Chester. The fine edifice been thoroughly cleansed and a carpet put in and new lamps swung

carpet put in and new lamps swung to give more light.
Dr. W. V. Tudor, presiding elder, preached here on Sunday morning. The first "quarterly meeting" of the charge was held to-day at Ivey Memorial Church.
Charlotto West, an aged and highly respected colored woman, and formerly a slave of Rev. Charles W. Friend, deceased, died near her home on Friday night. She was one of the old family servants, whose life was good and whose death is mourned by both the white and colored residents of this community.

FOR PETERSBURG

Joseph W. Seward Will Erect a First-Class One at Sycamore and Tabb Sts.

er a conference with gentlemen interested, Mr. Joseph W. Seward this morn corner of Sycamore and East Tabb Streets, a first-class hotel building, and Messrs. E. P. Goodwyn and F. K. Clements have leaged the hotel for a period of ten years. Mr. John K. Peebles, a former Petersburger, now of Norfolk, will be the architect. In fact, Mr. Peebles has all ready drawn some of the plans. The new hotel will centain forty-eight bed-rooms and will centain forty-eight bed-rooms and will be second to none in appointment in the country. It will be fitted throughout with all modern conveniences, including elegant pa-senger and freight elevators. The National Bank and Appendix of the first floor. The rest of the first floor will be used as a lobby and office by the hotel. Work on the building will be commenced as soon as possible and will be finished, it is though, by December next.

An interesting decree was entered in the Corporation Court to-day. Mr. George E. Fisher, who recently purchased the property of the Ettick Manufacturing Company, sold the dams in the river and the riparlan rights to the Virginia Passenger and Power Company. The court to-set and Power Company. The court to-set and Power Company.

ortics.

Licutenant Donahue yesterday arrested
Annie Mitchell, a colored woman, charged
with stealing clothing. The woman, under another name, would apply to families to take washing, and having gotten the clothing would appropriate them to her own use. She was sent to jail for fifteen days.

A MAN CAN'T swim in shackles. of his winning a race, but a question of being able only to keep afloat. The man who is suffering from malnutrition is like the fettered swimmer. His stomach and

HIDO its allied organs of digestion and nutri-tion are diseased. It is not a question with him of winning in the race for busi-ness but of simply ness but of simply

keeping up under any circumstances. Whenever disease affects the stomach affects the stomach it is affecting also the blood and the thealth of every or-gan of the body. For blood is only food converted into nutrition and nutri-tion is the blood tion is the life of

ton is the life of the body and every organ of it.

Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical
Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutri-tion. It purifies the blood and enables the perfect nutrition of the body which means perfect health.

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"For six long years I suffered with Indiger from and my liver and kidneys, which baffed the best doctors in our country," writes E, I. Ransell, Esq., of Woolsey, Pinice William Co, Va. "I suffered with my stomach and back for a long time, and after taking a 'cart-load' of medicine from three doctors I grew so bad I could hardly do a day's work. Would have death-like pains in the side, and blind spells. I began taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Piessant Pellets'. Before I had taken half of the accound bottle! began to feel relieved. I got six more bottles and used them, and am happy to say I owe my life to Dr. Pierce."

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is nothing "just as good" for diseases of the stomach, blood and lungs.

The Common Sense Medical Adviser, 1008 large pages, in paper covers, is sent

reason was a delightful conundrum party given on Thursday ovening last in Ashland, by Miss Midyette, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Midyette. The color scheme was in pink and green, or color scheme was in pink and green,

THE MOSS SUIT ON TRIAL

Newport News-Police Justice Suing City for His Fees-Suit Against Street Railway Co.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 16 A delegation of politicians has waited ipon L. P. Stearnes, the representative of this district in the Legislature, to requst him to come out as a candidate for the Senate. Mr. Stearnes, has, as yet, given no answer, but many of his friends are inclined to think that he will refuse to run. It is said that, the delegation wishes Mr. Stearnes to run as a Martin

Messrs, S. W. Holt, of this city, and S. Gordon Cumming, of Hampton, are the only candidates to announce themselves

only candidates to announce themserves thus far.

The argument on the motion for a new trial in the case of ex-Chief of Police Harwood, ngainst Mayor A. A. Moss, was begun in the Circuit Court at Hampton to-day, Only one attorney finished his argument to-day, and it is thought that the decision will not be given before late to-morrow afternoon.

This case was tried three times in this city, resulting in a hung jury cach time. A change of venue was then granted, and when it was tried in Hampton the jury gave the plaintiff judgment for \$500 damages. A motion to set aside the verdict was at once made. The plaintiff sued to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged libel. The trouble occurred while Harwood was chief of police. The Mayor charged him with embezzlin

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tablish an up-to-date rifle range here for the use of the Huntington Rifles, Newport News Light Infantry, the Peninsula Guards of Hampton and the Smithfield Rifles, comprising a battalion of the Seventy-first Virginia Infantry.

Captain Johnson, of the Huntington Rifles, is in receipt of a communication from Adjutant-General Naile, of the State militia, asking for information concerning the present range in use here, the information to be turned over to the Adjutant-General of the United States Army, to be used in connection with the establishment of a modern regulation army range for the benefit of the companies C and G, distance from 100 to 1,000 panies of the battalion.

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The range at present is used by Companies of the word is paid, as the companies have the use of the land through courtesy of the owners. The range cannot be enlarged. The 1,000-yard target is on a point of land that is covered with water at high tide, and five shots are fixed before the score is counted, as on this range it is impossible to build a place for the protection of maskers without the expenditure of more money than the companies have the money to defray the cost.

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As far as can be learned, no action will be taken by the authorities on the communications received here from the Seamen's Branch of the Legal Ald Society of New York the American Society in London and United States Consul Phillips at Cardiff, relative to the alleged shangfaing of the sailor James E. Ryan, of Tuckehoe, N. Y., by V. D. McCarthy, formerly of this city, and now of Norfolk. The police say that they had no idea that McCarthy was here in December, the sailor alleging that he was

the conviction of McCarthy on the charges made by Ryan and by the United States consul at Cardiff.

St. Paul's Protestant Epis opal Church has not issued a call yet for a pastor to succeed Rev. J. Francis Ribble, who recently resigned and who on yesterday preached like first sermon as pastor of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church in Petersburg.

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QUEEN OF CARNIVAL.

Voting for the queen of the military carnival in April will begin to-morrow. Voting booths will be placed in all stores and public places, and votes for the carnival queen will be five cents each.

and public places, and votes for the carnival queen will be five cents each. The queen will be selected from the Peninsula, and Newport News, Hampton, Old Point and Williamsburg are privileged to put up candidates.

William Jennings Brown was arrested in the shipyard to-day, charged with the larceny of an overcoat from an employe of Garner's furnishing house. It seems that he forgot his distinguished names when he pawned the coat for money to spend for liquor, and gave the name of C. E. Jones, with a wrong address. He will be tried to-morrow morning.

Half a dozen proprietresses of houses of ill fame were fined in the Police Court this morning. Twenty-one negroes, arrested for crap-shooting, were also fined. The case of W. B. Winfree, the while man who owns the house in which the crap-shooters were arrested, and who is charged with unlawful gaming, was continued until to-morrow.

Jack Marce, the well-known baseball player, will manage the Newport News club in the semi-professional league that will be organized for next summer. According to the present understanding. Norfolk, Richmond, Manchester and Newport News will have clubs, and Roanoke and Lynchburg may be added. Petersburg will be dropped.

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Brown against the city of Nowport News
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looking for the outcome of the suit with interest. Justice Brown is suing the city to recover \$1.900 alleged to be due him in fees of \$1 each for cases tried by him since February two years ago. He had a bill passed in the Legislature allowing him \$1 on each city and State case tried by him in which a fine was paid, and he claims that he tried 1,900 cases and imposed fines for the city between the time the bill was passed and the suit was or tored.

Colonel J. W. Friend is counsel for Justice Prown and City Attorney Massie will defend the case.

Bince this suit was entered by Justice

rwenty-fifth Street Bridge in his wagon, collided with one of the company's cars and was thrown out and seriously injured. He claims that the accident was due to the negligence of the conductor, but the conductor says that Relsfield turned his horse across the car track. Suit for \$3,000 damages we entered in the cerk's office to-day by S. R. Curtis against Southard & Company, Messrs, Lett and Massie are the atterneys for the plaintiff.

Lett and Massie are the action plaintiff.

The British steamship Almera is now twenty-five days out from Glasgow for this port and the local shipping men are beginning to be alarmed about her. It is thought, however, that the bad weather is responsible for the delay in her arrival, and that nothing serious has happened.

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The local observer has been notified by the Weather Bureau to hoist the north-westerly wind signals to warn the shipping of the approach of heavy winds

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Chief of Police Johnson has been advised that John Edward Hughes, the youth who is wanted for stealing Sibo from the Chesapeake and Ohio Station at Oriana, was arrested at Summit, N. J., for a similar offense. He has been placed in the State Reformatory to remain until he is twenty-one. When he is released he will be served with a warrant from Warwick county and brought back for trial.

PROSPEROUS ILKENNY

A Valentine Party Saturday Night was

Most Enjoyable.
(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
M'KENNEY, VA., February 16.—One of the most delightful social affairs of the season here was a valentine party given by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Branch Saturday evening at their home. Those participating were Misses Rosa Friend, Petersburg; Annie Barner, McKenney; Evelyn Belsseau, Laura Harris and Alma Harris, Dinwiddle Courthouse, and Messrs. J. Roland Beck, R. Andrew Thrift, John L. Pickrell, C. Bolling Thrift, J. Peterson Batte, John and Cleveland Bossleu, Percy Doyle, J. W. Friend, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Cobb, all of McKenney. After an elaborate supperprogressive euchre was played.

The town of McKenney is still in a thriving condition, and rushed with business. Messrs. Worsham & LaPrade, of South Boston, Va., have recently located a large saw-mall plant near here, and the Camp Manufacturing Company are acranging to put in a big plant near the station, all of which will add materially to the large sums of money already beling ps. do out monthly at this place, and which the thriving merchants of the town are glad to see. of the most delightful social affairs of

RAILROAD STARTED

The West Point, Urbanna and York

The West Point, Urbanna and York River Line to Be Built.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TOANO, VA., Feb. 16.—The West Point, Urbanna and York River Radiroad Company commenced laying its track on Saturday. The charter for the road was granted by the Legislature February 16, 1901, and in order that the charter might continue good for the next three years, the company had to begin the construction of the road before the 16th of February, 1903, as the charter only gave them two years to begin work, Toane will be the starting point for the road. About thirty feet was laid today. The track from here to West Point will be built as soon as the right of way along the line can be secured. It will be sometime before the rest of the road will be built. Mr. A. B. Edward, of Newport News, has begun the survey and will push it as fast as possible.

DR. BATTLE GOES TO GREENSBORO

His Final Resignation in Petersburg Was Tendered on Sunday Last.

(Special to The Times Disputch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., February 16.—Dr. Battle has resigned as the paster of the after the morning service yesterday wired the First Baptist Church, of Greensboro, that he would accept the pastorate tendered him by that church When Dr. Battle gave his final decision, the scene was, indeed, an affecting one. He requested the members of the church to remain after all visitors had church to remain after all visitors had rired, and to them alone he announced his decision. They had hoped that he would remain in Petersburg, but knowing the man and hearing what he said was his final decision, they knew they could hope no further. Many who would have risen to speak in protest found their voices too trembling to attempt a speech. There was hardly a dry eye in the church, and though the nester spake deliberately. nave resen to speak in process could their voices too trembling to attempt a speech. There was hardly a dry eye in the church, and though the pastor spoke deliberately while seated in a chair. (Being unable to stand on account of a recent accident to his knee-cap), he, too, was forced to brush away a tear. He stated that he believed it to be his duty to take charge of another field, and said he hoped he would never love any congregation more than he had loved his congregation at the First Baptist Church, in this city. The committee of fourteen, appelnted by the church to consider Dr. Battle's resignation when it was first prosented declined to accept it, and the entire committee called on him at his home and urged him to withdraw his resignation, and pledged to him even a more cordinal and hearty support if he would remain as their pastor. Those close to Dr. Battle say he was more than once on the point of decling to remain in Petersburg, but that when he utilimately reached the conclusion that it would be best for him to resign, no amount of pressure of a personal nature could sway him from his determination to do the thing he thought duty required. The sentiment of deep regret over his departure is universal.

During his administration as pastor of the First Baptist Church, which is the mother church and by far the strongest Baptist Church financially in the city, two splendid brick churches have been erected by the Baptists and that great denomination has made the most substantial progress in this city during its history. The Rev. Mr. Leake, formerly pastor of the West-End Baptist Church of this city, but now of Richauster.

most substantial progress in this city during its history. The Rev. Mr. Leake, formerly pastor of the West-End Baptist Church of this city, but now of Richmond, recently said: "I could not have turned a wheel in Petersburg had it not been for the help of Dr. Battle." The influence of his pulpit and of his life have permeated the entire city, and their effect will remain long after Dr. Battle has gone.

Smallpox in Franklin

(Secial to The Times-Dispatch.)
VASHTI, VA., February 16.—Smallpex
has broken out near Rivermont in
Franklin county. Some cases are reported on the farm of R. S. Brown, but
it is confined at present to one family.

TEACHERS

County Association Formed

ADDRESSES DELIVERED

Officers Elected by the New Association. Another Negro in the Toils of Local Option in This Sturdy Tem-

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., Fobruary 16.—The public school teachers of Rockbridge county have organized a County Teach ers Association. The meeting was held in the public school building in/Lexington and was attended by about half of the present, besides the trustees from several districts. The meeting was called to order by Dr. James A. Quarles, of Washington and Lee University, who is vice-president of the Virginia State Association for the Tenth Congressional Quarles on "The Value of Teachers' As county superintendent of schools, on "The District Trustees and Teachers;" by Col osei E. W. Nichols, of the Virginia Milflury Institute, on "The Mutual Duties of the Teacher and Scholar;" by Mr. I. S. Mampler, formerly of Rockingham county, on "The Teachers' Association of Rockingham County."

The following officers were elected for the exactation: President, Mt t. M. S. Moffett, of Lex-

President, Mr. t. M. S. Moffett, of Lexington, principal of the Rookbridge County Normal School; vice-president, Mr. Harrington Waddell, principal of the Lexington public schools; secretary, Mrs. W. B. Wallace; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Gresham; district tvice-presidents, Miss Minnie Kate Varner, Miss Nelle Shackeiord, Miss Bettle Morrison, Miss Ella Fultz, Mr. J. J. Moore, Mr. J. F. Kirkpatrick and Captain J. H. B. Jones.

A I CCAL OPTION TOWN.

Another negro of Lexington has fallen into the tells of local option. Caleb Brown, for years the keeper of a restaurant here, was before Mayor W. F. Pierson, and for sciling liquor on election day last November, he was sent on to the grand jury. For the same offense, he was fined 310 for violating the town ordinance an sciling liquor in local option district. For sciling liquor on December court day, and the Tucsday following, two offenses, he was fined 5100 for cach offense, making the total fines \$100. Brown took an appeal from the Mayor's decision, and gave security in the bond of \$800.

The ladies of the Lexington Woman's Christian Temperance Union conducted the services Sunday afternoon of the Christian Erdeavor Society of Trinity Methodist Church, the subject being a temperance topic. Mrs. Lawrence Em-

Christian Erdeavor Society of Trinity Methodist Church, the subject being a temperance topic. Mrs. Lawrence Embreo, president of the union, presided and conducted the services, which consisted of talks and papers and a special musical programme. A delightful solowas sung by Miss Lula Laird, and an interesting paper was read by Miss Ethel Fearsall, of Westfield, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jarvis Spady, who have registered at "The Arlington" for the past month, will leave for the South advantage on the union, presided and conducted the services, which consisted of talks and papers and a special musical programme. A delightful solowas sung by Miss Lula Laird, and an interesting paper was read by Miss Ethel Fearsall, of Westfield, N. J.

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FURNACE PROPERTY SOLD.

The deed and bargain of sale has been admitted to record at Buena Vista, whereby the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company transfers the property of the Buena Vista Furnace Company to the Alleghany Ore and Iron Company; consideration, 150,000.

The Natural Bridge Park Company, owners of the Natural Bridge property, has proposed to the Board of Supervisors

has proposed to the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge county that their com-

pany will pay \$3,000 for the construction of three miles of macadam road from Natural Bridge to the Natural Bridge Station, on the Chesapeake and Ohlo and Norfolk and Western Railroads, provided the county will furnish \$1,500.

The Alfred A. McCormick farm of 182 acres, including a large brick mansion house, situated on the headwaters of Hays' Creek, Rockbridge county, has been sold by Commissioners W. S. Hopkins and W. T. Shields to the Bank of Rockbridge, for \$5,250.

GENERAL LEF'S COOK.

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GENERAL LEB'S COOK.

Malinda Patterson, colored, was buried yesterday from the First Baptist Church, colored, of Lexington, and the funeral was the most largely attended in recent times. She was for years the cook of General G. W. Custis Lee before he left Lexington, while he was president of Washington and Lee University.

"Uncle" Jefferson Shields, the old Confederate negro, who has gained considerable notoriety because of his having cooked for General "Stonewall" Jackson during the civil war, has had a number of photographs taken in his Confederate uniform of gray, recently presented to

photographs taken in his Confederate uniform of gray, recently presented to him by the Daughters of the Confederacy, of Wytheville, Va. He expects to sell a great many of these pictures during the approaching General Assembly of the Bouthern Presbyterian, which will meet here in May noxt. here in May next

SUES FOR WIDOWS DOWER.

Mrs. Hamilton Tries to Recover Prop erty She Signed Away.

(Special to The Mane-Dispatch,)
BRISTOL, VA., Folt, 16.—Mrs. Annie
Hamilton, widow of William S. Hamilton,
the Bristol lawyer, whose death was reported ten day ago, has brought suit in
the Chancery Court here in an effort to
establish her alloged right to a widow's
dower in some of the most valuable property in the city. Mrs. Hamilton is represented in this undertaking by Mr. Henry
W. Sutherlan and D. F. Balley. The
property in which the widow by her suit
cialms an interest, includes the beautiful
homestead of the late Abram Fulkerson's bon & Peyton, and very liberally returned homestead of the late Abram Fulkerson, now the property of Col. Fulkerson, with the property of Col. Fulkerson, and the elegant brick and stone offices building of the Bristol Home Co., which was formerly occupied by the offices of the South Atlantic and Ohlo Rallway Co. These properties are worth from \$30,000 to \$10,000. It is claimed by the lawyers for Mrs. Hamilton, whose husband formerly owned the properties in question, that the widow's rights in the property have never been legally signed away. While Mrs. Hamilton signed the deeds of transfer, which were axecuted more than fifteen years ago, it is claimed that she was not then of age, and that her signature did not legalize and make the contract binding.

At the death of her husband, Mrs. Hamilton was left in destitute circumstances, with eight dependent children.

This has probably had something to do with influencing her in her present course with reference to the property referred to. The case will come up in the Chancery Court of Bristol at the March term, at which time answers to the bills of the plaintiff will be filed. The Bristol Home Company will be represented by Jos. L. Kelly; while Mrs. Fulkerson and her son will be represented by Fulkerson, Page & Hurt.

The Bristol Athlotic Association is preparing for a lively baseball season, and to this end the park is to be put in fine condition. The improvements will include a new grandstand. Several Western teams are to be invited to play here during the season.

AT CAPE CHARLES

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CAPE CHARLES, VA., February 16.—
One can go to Palm Beach or any of the resorts in the South, but this little strip of land, Northampton county, situated between the ocean and Chesapeake Bay, with a touch of the Guif Stream, cannot be surpassed in its elimate, its oysters, its game or its sport.

There has not been a suspicion of snow or steet this winter and very little cold weather. Since the "ground-hog" made his appearance it has been like one May day, and in such an atmosphere one feels like life is worth living, and we do live. Lent/will soon put a seal on all the dances, card parties and teas, so the young people are making the best of the time. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leo Jones gave a reception tea on Wednesday evering in honor of her coush, Mrs. Francis Victor Alexander, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Josephus Bussels, and Mrs. J. D. Williams, of Salisbury, Md. The hostess was gowned in crepe do chine, trimmed in rose point lace. Mrs. Alexander was elegantly gowned in black velvet; her orly ornaments were diamonds. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. George Jarvis Spachy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe King, Dr. and Mrs. Burleigh Kellam, Miss Wilson Kayler Johnson, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. Vashon and Boner Bussels.

The last dance before Lent and the gyest of the season was given in the Opera House on Friday right. The deroilly discount of the season was given in the Opera House on Friday right. The forcesses of the dance were Mrs. F. Tucker Wilkins, Mrs. George Jarvis Spady, Mrs. James W. Wilson, Mrs. Bruce Leo Jones and Mrs. Burleigh Kellam, Miss Chong mas informal and jolly. The patronesses of the dance were Mrs. F. Tucker Wilkins, Mrs. George Jarvis Spady, Mrs. James W. Wilson, Mrs. Bruce Leo Jones and Mrs. Burleigh Kellam, Mrs. Burleigh Kellam, Miss Mary Kayler, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss Grace Wilson, Brs. Bruce Leo Jones and Mrs. Burleigh Kellam, Miss Wilson and the Misses Goffigan, Messrs. Byrd, Tyler, Travers, of Ne

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York; John and Stetson Goffigan, Walter Kellam, Waddell, Will Williams, Sharpley, Carroll Sturgis, Jones, Wilkins, Wilson and Bonner Bussels.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. N. Stirling entertained informally at cards Thursday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. George Jarvis Spady, Professor Charles Stirling and Mr. Paul Travers, of New York.
The Ladles' Guild of the Episcopal Church here will give one of the series

Church here will give one of the series of musicales at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll on next Friday evening. An interesting programme has been prepared and refreshments will be

Mr. and Mrs. George Russell had their nicee from near Philadelphia for a visit of a week with them at "The Arlington Hotel."

Mr. and Mrs. George Jarvis Spady, who

A Dance in Dinwiddie.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GUN'S HILL, VA., February 16.—A delightful dance was given in honor of the Misses Intite and Pearl Edmunds, of Petersburg. Friday night at the residence of Mr. A. Theodore Powell, of Dinwiddie curity.

Atteng these present were the Misses Fettle and Hattle Powell, Lizzie and Daisy Doyle, and Adeline and Berta Powell, Messrs. S. G. White, A. K. Fowell, I. Frascr, J. D. Rives, Dr. W. C. Pewell, of Petersburg; John Batte, A. A. Hardy, John Beck, Frank Gee, of Petersburg; John Pickrell, also of Petersburg; John Beck, Frank Gee, of Wilmington, N. C. S. E. Worsham, of Halifax, Va.; Watson und Percy Doyle, Percy and Rile

ELKS BAZAAR AT CHARLOTTESVILLE

It Was Successful Beyond the Expectations of Its Promoters-A New Home.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Feb. 16.—
The Elks' buzaar and festival closed Saturday night. The bazaar was held for the purpose of raising funds to aid in the building of the new Elks' Home. A large sum was realized-about \$2,500even larger than the expectations of the promoters at the beginning.
The voting for the most popular people resulted as follows:
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Little Girl-Sarah Maupin. Prize,
French doll.
School Teacher-Miss Carrie Burnley.
Frize, rocking chair.
Doctor-Dr. J. H. Browning.
Frize, silver-headed umbrella.
Mr. Muxwell Davis, of Louisville, Ky.,
a relative of Mrs. B. W. Leterman, of
this city, won the raffle for the magnifleent onyx table, contributed by Covington & Peyton, and very ilherally returned
the prize to the local lodge of Elks for
the new home.

VESSELS IN COLLISION

Steamer Essex Runs Into & Vessel on Rappahannock.

SORELY AFFLICTED FAMILY

Mother, Daughter and Wife of Mr. David H. Griffith, of Westmoreland, Dia Within a Few Days-Several Canning Factories to Be Started

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 16 .- A vessel belonging to Captain W. H. steamer Essex, of the Weems line, while aged to the extent of about \$500.

The family of Mr. David H. Griffith, in Westmore land county, hase been sorely afflicted. First his mother died about ten days ago, then his only daughter of measles and pneumonia, and finally his bers of the family are still ill. At om-time there were aine members of the family ill, with three prysicians in at-tendance, and two trained nurses on duty

Northumberland county, has taken pos-session of the property, and is making many improvements. He will, also build

many improvements. He will, also build a canning factory on Little River in time for operation the coming season.

TOMATO BEDS.

Some of the planters along the Rappahannock River have already sown tomato seed in beds for the coming cropair. A. W. Kriete is preparing to erect a large canning factory on his farm, near Bowler's Wharf, on the Rappahannock River in Essex county.

River, in Essex county.

A movement is on foot to establish a pickle factory at Millenbeck, in the Northern Neck. These factories are doing well wherever operated, and add another valuable resource, in the growing other valuable resource, in the growing of cucumbers, to the farmer's business. Miss Besslo Boxley, of Louisa county, a student at the Woman's College, at Richmond, is ill with typhold fever at the Virginia Hospital, in that city. Her parents are with her.

A CQLONY OF SKUNKS.

Mr. George Hamilton, who lives in the old family mansion, near Stevensburg, in Culpeper county, detected a powerful and disagreeable odor about the house a

and disagreeable odor about the house a few days ago, and with the assistance of a colored man located it in the basement, where a colony of skunks was found, having entered through a hole in the stone foundation. A celebrated trapper in the neighborhood was sent for, and he secured a large number of pelts. Mr. Colwell Griffith, for some years a resident of Seattle, Washington State, is visiting the family of his brother, Mr. D. H. Griffith, in Westmoreland county. Dr. Walker Washipgton, of Westmoreland county, who has been ill for some tims, is now convalescent, but is not yet able to leave his room.

Mr. Charles Smoot and Miss Rebecca Cooke, who were married a few days ago at Montross, have made their home at Leedstown, Westmoreland county.

A HISTORIC CANE

t was Presented to a Fredericksburg Teacher by Washington.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 16. Rev. C. L. Potter, of Stafford Courtnouse, who is assisting Rev. George T. house, who is assisting Rev. George 1.
Tyler in a protracted meeting at the
Methodist Church here, is the owner
of a cane, which was presented to his
great-great-grandfather, Bartholomew
Fuller, by George Washington nearly 130
years ago. Mr. Fuller came to Fred-Fuller, by George Washington nearly 150 years ago. Mr. Fuller came to Fredericksburg from Cork, Ireland, at the instance of George Washington, to teach mathematics in a college in this place at that time. It is thought that Mr. Fotter will deposit the came with Masonic Lodge No. 4, of this city, to be preserved with the many Washington relics owned by the lodge.

The resolutions presented to the Masonic lodge hare on Friday night through a large delegation of Philadelphia Masons in behalf of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, of that city, are the handsomest ever seen here. The resolutions are in a volume, bound in morocco, are beautuilly engrossed on the finest material, extending over many pages, which are

ever seen here. The resolutions are in a volume, bound in morocco, are heautuilly engrossed on the finest material, extending over many pages, which are beautifully hand-painted in connection with the engrossing. It contains a portrait of Washington and the resolutions are signed by the stationed officers and a committee of arrangements. Captain S. J. Quinn, of this city, in appreciation of whose address before the Philadelphia lodge the resolutions were prepared, has also been made a recipient of a souvenir plate of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on November 5th, 1902. The Philadelphia Masons while here also presented to Lodge No. 4 a beautiful gavel, made of the wood from a girder in Indepedence Hall, at Philadelphia, which was removed in repairing the hall. This is silver mounted and bears a suitable inscription. The relations between Lodge No. 4, of this dity, and Meridian Sun Lodge, of Philadelphia, which numbers nearly 500 members, have become of the most cordial and fraternal nature, and there will probably be many more exchanges of fraternal greetings between the two lodges.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

Young Prince Edward County Farmer Takes His Own Life

(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
OVERLY, VA., February 16.—Mr. Willie Morrisette, a prosperous young farmer, living near here, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by shooting off the top of his head with a shotgun. He had been in delicate health for some time; had become despondent, and for a week had become despondent, and for a week had slept scarcely any. Saturday afternoon he left the house unobserved, went to a lonely spot about half a mile off, and was found by his father shortly after the horrible deed was committed, with his hand still upon the sun. Evidently he took his life in a fit of temporary insanity. He was a nephew of Mr. Ellhu Morristte, of your city. His funeral was conducted in the Baptist Church, at Rice, yesterday afternoon, and his remains were interred in the cometery at that place.